

REMARKS

Reexamination and reconsideration of claims 24, 26, 27, and 30 is respectfully requested. The allowance of claims 1-23, and the recognition of allowable subject matter in claims 25, 28, and 29 is acknowledged with appreciation.

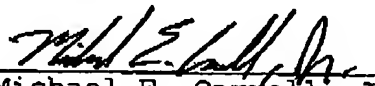
Claims 24, 26, 27, and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. sec. 103(a) applying U.S. Pat. No. 4,923,278 (the '278 patent) without a teaching reference. Claim 24 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 25, which was indicated allowable. Withdrawal of the sec. 103(a) rejection of claims 24, 26, 27, and 30 is warranted and respectfully requested.

No fees are believed due in connection with this Reply. If any fees are due in connection with this Reply, please charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 19-2167.

Allowance of all pending claims is believed to be warranted and is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is welcomed to telephone the undersigned to discuss the merits of this patent application.

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